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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TERRORIST INCIDENTS

REF: TEL AVIV 5559 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE SHARE TEL AVIV'S CONCERN THAT RECENTLY INCREASED FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL AND WEST BANK ORIGINATING FROM JORDAN SHOULD BECOME CAUSE FOR RETALIATION OR FURTHER DISRUPTION OF HERETOFORE CALM BORDER AREA. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW UPCOMING TRIP BY SECRETARY, ANY ACTION WHICH HELPS TO COOL SITUATION WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS.

2. JORDANIANS TOO ARE VERY DISTURBED BY INCREASED ACTIVITY AND ARE MOVING TO CURB IT. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT UPSURGE IS RESULT OF MAJOR EFFORTS BY FEDAYEEN TO HEAT UP SITUATION WITH PURPOSE OF PROVOKING ISRAELI-JORDANIAN CLASH AND ALSO WITH IDEA OF CURBING FURTHER ANY REAL CHANCE FOR JORDANIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.

3. GOOD AS JORDANIANS MAY BE IN INTELLIGENCE AND PREVENTIVE WORK SOME ARE GOING TO GET THROUGH, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS MASSIVE INCREASE IN EFFORT AS RESULT OF CONSCIOUS FEDAYEEN DECISION FOR REASONS ABOVE AND OF CLAMP-DOWN ON LEBANON AND SYRIAN BORDER LINES WITH ISRAEL. JORDAN'S LONG BORDER WITH SYRIA PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL AND WITH FIFTY PERCENT OF POPULATION HAVING

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HAD RECENT ORIGINS IN EITHER WEST BANK OR ISRAEL,

SYMPATHIZERS WITH FEDAYEEN CAUSE ARE NOT ALL KNOWN OR UNDER SURVEILLANCE. ISRAELIS TOO HAVE HAD PROBLEMS IN KEEPING ALL ACTIVITY DOWN IN THEIR OWN TERRITORY, SO THEY KNOW PROBLEMS FACED BY JORDANIANS.

4. NEVERTHELESS, KING, ARMY AND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE REACTED WITH VIGOR TO LATEST CHALLENGE. NEW COLLECTION NETWORK HAS BEEN SET UP IN EAST JORDAN VALLEY AND NEW SECURITY MEASURES PUT IN EFFECT IN THAT AREA. IN WADI ARABA, SOUTH OF DEAD SEA, JORDANIANS HAVE DOUBLED SIZE OF BORDER PATROL FORCE (FROM ONE COMPANY TO TWO) AND INSTITUTED HELICOPTER PATROLS OF ENTIRE AREA. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV PASSING ON OUR ASSESSMENT OF JORDANIAN INTENTIONS OR INFORMATION ON THESE SPECIFIC STEPS, IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, AS FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO SERIOUS EFFORT TO KEEP AREA COOL. PICKERING

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